

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A communication device comprising:
a keyboard used to input literal information,
wherein a character allocated to each of keys
provided on said keyboard can be changed.

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2. The communication device as claimed in
15 claim 1, wherein the character is allocated to each of
said keys according to a predetermined keyboard
character layout.

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3. The communication device as claimed in
claim 2, wherein said predetermined keyboard character
layout is selected from among a plurality of
25 predetermined keyboard character layouts by a user.

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4. The communication device as claimed in
claim 3, wherein configuration information regarding a
configuration of the communication device is obtained so
that said predetermined keyboard character layout is
5 selected according to said configuration information.

10 5. The communication device as claimed in
claim 3, wherein situation information regarding a
nation where the communication device is situated is
obtained so that said predetermined keyboard character
layout is selected according to said situation
15 information.

20 6. The communication device as claimed in
claim 3, wherein configuration information regarding a
configuration of the communication device is obtained,
and situation information regarding a nation where the
communication device is situated is obtained, so that
25 said predetermined keyboard character layout is selected

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according to at least one of said configuration
information and said situation information.

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7. A communication device comprising:
a numeric keypad used to input numeric
information,

10 wherein a character allocated to each of keys
provided on said numeric keypad can be changed.

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8. The communication device as claimed in
claim 7, wherein the character is allocated to each of
said keys according to a predetermined numeric-keypad
character layout.

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9. The communication device as claimed in
25 claim 8, wherein said predetermined numeric-keypad

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character layout is selected from among a plurality of
predetermined numeric-keypad character layouts by a user.

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